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Thread on Fri, Jan 3, 2020 5 pm: "'Evangelicals for Trump' Coalition Launch" event at King Jesus International Ministry in Miami led by Guillermo Maldonado, who is one of the twenty core "evangelical leaders" who have frequently gathered at the White House to support Trump.



Guillermo Maldonado at the White House on his Instagram:

Guillermo Maldonado on Instagram: "It was a great honor and privilege to gather with ... 10.1k Likes, 141 Comments – Guillermo Maldonado (@guillermomaldonado) on Instagram: "It was a great honor and privilege to gather with faith leaders yesterday from all around the..."
https://www.instagram.com/p/Bcn5ugun_xl/?igshid=rdwqyqe229uj

Guillermo Maldonado on Instagram: "Blessed and honored to be a part of this moment... 11.9k Likes, 322 Comments – Guillermo Maldonado (@guillermomaldonado) on Instagram: "Blessed and honored to be a part of this momentous event as President @realdonaldtrump signs an..."
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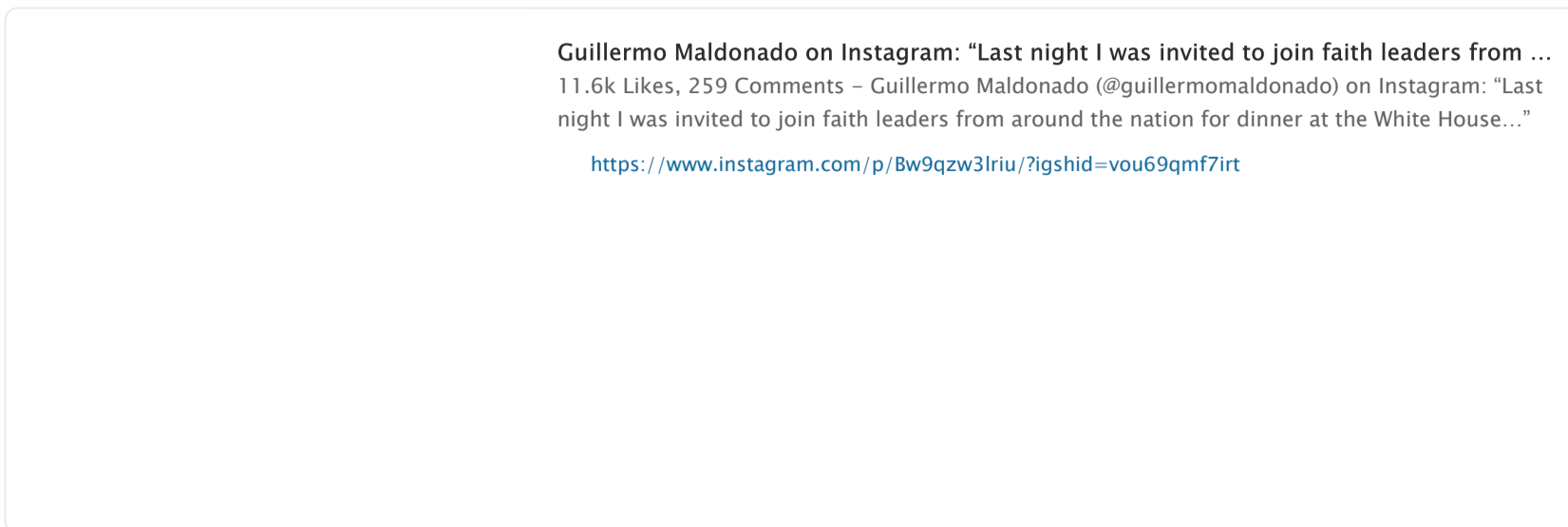
Guillermo Maldonado on Instagram: "It was an honor to meet @vp Mike Pence and @m... 5,930 Likes, 78 Comments – Guillermo Maldonado (@guillermomaldonado) on Instagram: "It was an honor to meet @vp Mike Pence and @markburnett13 this morning during the National Day of..."
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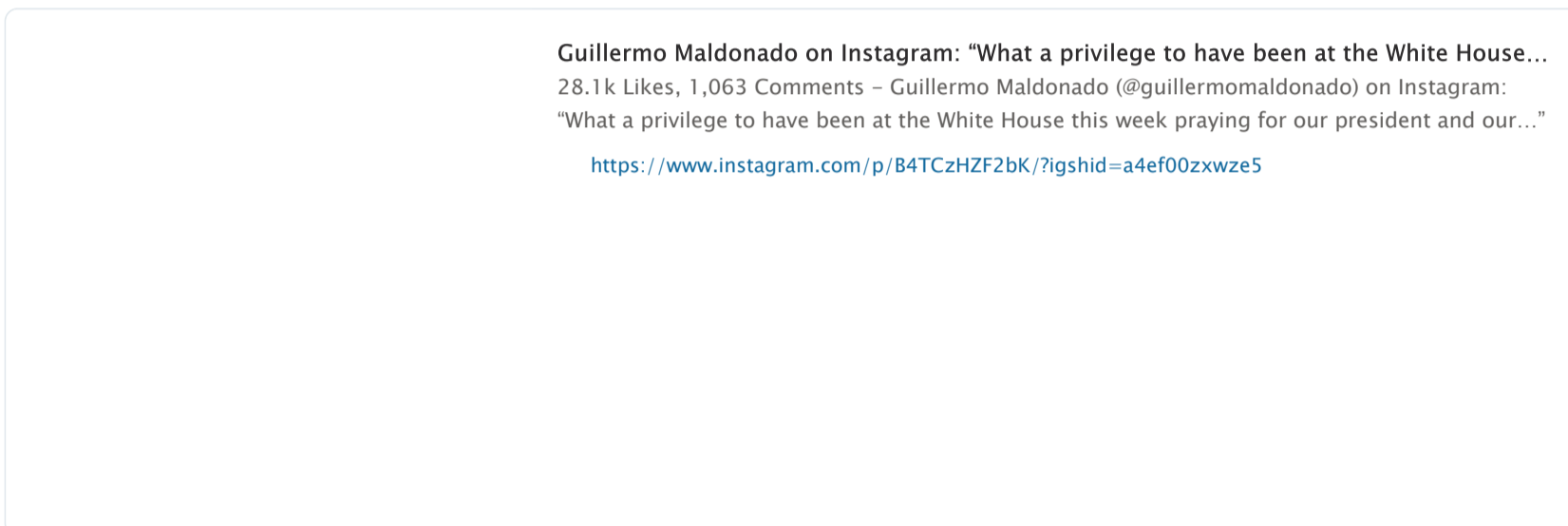
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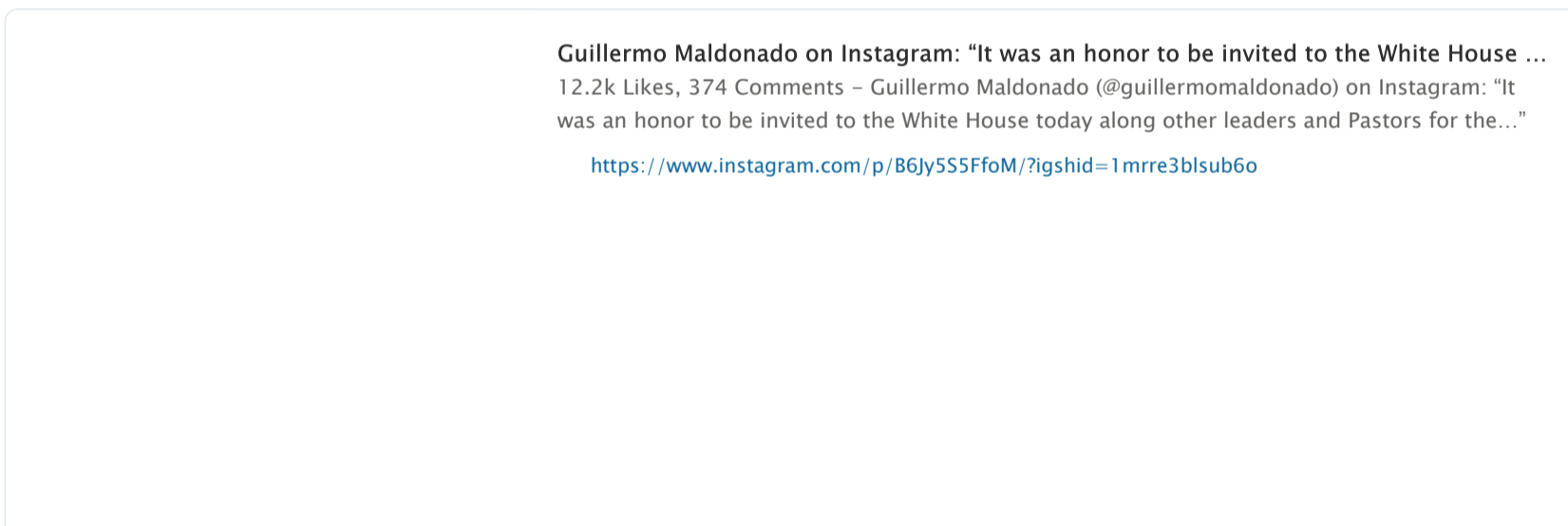
Guillermo Maldonado on Instagram: "Last night I was invited to join faith leaders from ...
11.6k Likes, 259 Comments – Guillermo Maldonado (@guillermomaldonado) on Instagram: "Last night I was invited to join faith leaders from around the nation for dinner at the White House..."
<https://www.instagram.com/p/Bw9qzw3lriu/?igshid=vou69qmf7irt>



Guillermo Maldonado on Instagram: "What a privilege to have been at the White House...
28.1k Likes, 1,063 Comments – Guillermo Maldonado (@guillermomaldonado) on Instagram: "What a privilege to have been at the White House this week praying for our president and our..."
<https://www.instagram.com/p/B4TCzHZF2bK/?igshid=a4ef00zxwze5>

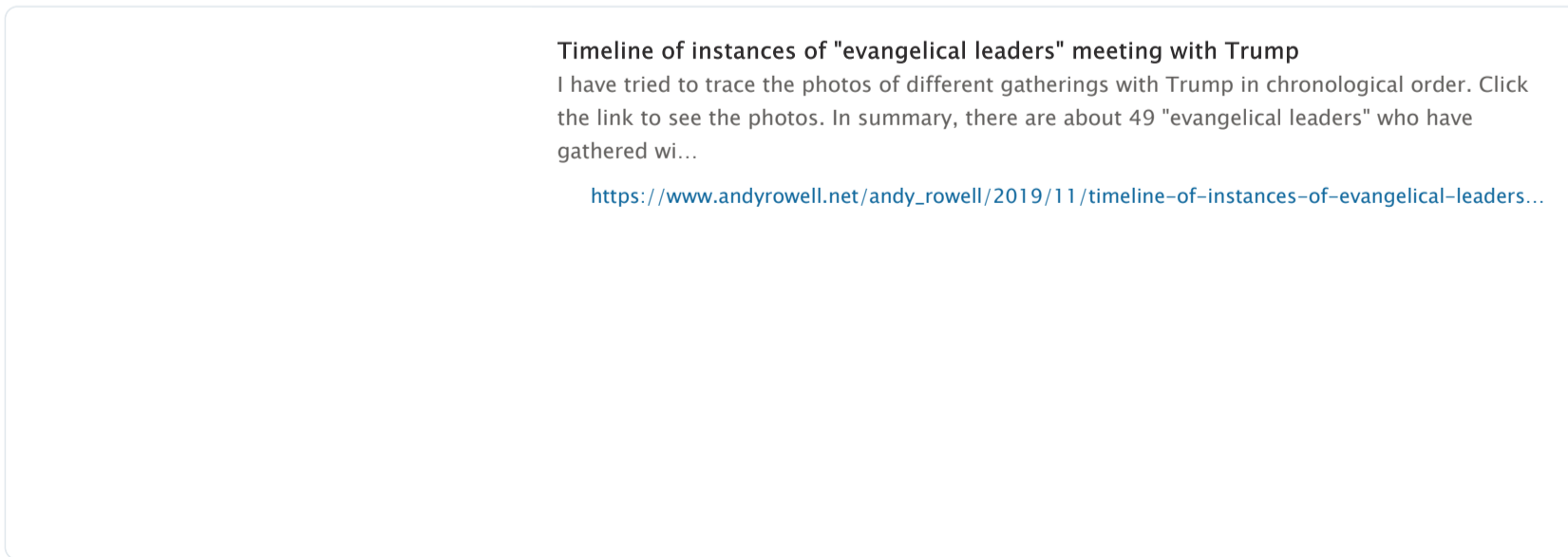


Guillermo Maldonado on Instagram: "It was an honor to be invited to the White House ...
12.2k Likes, 374 Comments – Guillermo Maldonado (@guillermomaldonado) on Instagram: "It was an honor to be invited to the White House today along other leaders and Pastors for the..."
<https://www.instagram.com/p/B6Jy5S5FfoM/?igshid=1mrre3blsub6o>



Trump Evangelicals List:


Timeline of instances of "evangelical leaders" meeting with Trump
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Reporting by David Smiley of the Miami Herald

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 **@NewsbySmiley**

Trump campaign selects Apostolic Miami megachurch for evangelicals campaign roll-out miamiherald.com/news/politics-...

Trump picks Miami megachurch with pastor who speaks in ton...

Kendall's King Jesus Ministry, known in Miami as El Rey Jesus, will host President Donald Trump's evangelicals campaign event Jan. 3. miamiherald.com

4 · 11:34 AM - Dec 27, 2019

[See David Smiley's other Tweets](#)

and

Bianca Padró Ocasio of the Miami Herald

 **David Smiley**
@NewsbySmiley

Trump's choice for his evangelicals rally is rubbing up against his hardline immigration stance. Via [@BiancaJoaniemiamiherald.com/news/politics-...](https://www.miamiherald.com/news/politics-...)

'You don't have to be a citizen.' Pastor hosti...

Pastor Guillermo Maldonado told undocumented members of his congregation that he guaranteed they would not be in danger if they decided to miamiherald.com

48 · 4:42 PM - Dec 29, 2019

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Tickets

Fri, January 03, 2020

'Evangelicals for Trump' Coalition Launch - Miami, FL

05:00 pm (EST)

King Jesus International Ministry

14100 SW 144th Ave

Miami, FL 33186

donaldjtrump.com/events/evangel...

Gullermo Maldonado has a number of photos with Bill Johnson of Bethel Church in Redding, California on his Instagram account.

Guillermo Maldonado on Instagram: "Today we officially launched my new book #Crea... 4,958 Likes, 55 Comments – Guillermo Maldonado (@guillermomaldonado) on Instagram: "Today we officially launched my new book #CreatedForPurpose!! This book is so special to me. Thanks..."

<https://www.instagram.com/p/B27DMPeFsHK/?igshid=1ktzx8rznfp37>

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Guillermo Maldonado on Instagram: "Happy birthday to this general of faith @brevied... 5,053 Likes, 52 Comments – Guillermo Maldonado (@guillermomaldonado) on Instagram: "Happy birthday to this general of faith @brevied, it's an honor knowing you! I pray you receive..."

<https://www.instagram.com/p/B0Eh-RFFx-U/?igshid=yg0j6yn83ais>

Guillermo Maldonado on Instagram: "A huge thank you to my good friend @randyraycl... 5,033 Likes, 52 Comments – Guillermo Maldonado (@guillermomaldonado) on Instagram: "A huge thank you to my good friend @randyrayclark for inviting me to #CultivateRevivalConference!..."

<https://www.instagram.com/p/Bf3x06UHScV/?igshid=1vu9b4cux24kh>



1 of 2: "Apostle Maldonado has a doctorate in Christian Counseling from Vision International University."

Apostle Guillermo Maldonado – LCI | Latino Coalition for Israel
 Apostle Guillermo Maldonado is the senior pastor and founder of King Jesus International Ministry (Ministerio Internacional El Rey Jesus), in Miami, Florida, a multicultural church considered to be o...

<https://www.lci.global/team/apostle-guillermo-maldonado/>

"Vision International University degree programs are non-accredited."

[vision.edu/web/university...](https://www.vision.edu/web/university...)

2 of 2: Vision International University is "primarily for students in the Majority World!"

[vision.edu/web/](https://www.vision.edu/web/)

Perhaps he means a D.Min. with an emphasis in Human Behavior.

[vision.edu/web/university...](https://www.vision.edu/web/university...)

Gullermo Maldonado calls himself "Apostle" but also has Apostle Frank Hechavarria and Apostle Dublas Rodríguez, along with eight "prophets," fifteen "pastors," and two "teachers," in leadership at King Jesus Ministry.

Leaders | King Jesus Ministry
 We are called to bring the supernatural power of God to this generation

<http://www.kingjesusmiami.org/about/leaders>


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Terminology from Ephesians 4:11. [🔗](#)

I think what Bruce Wilson says here about Gullermo Maldonado being part of the New Apostlic Reformation is correct.

 **Our collective goal should be to prevent Venus 2.0**
@brucewilson


Replying to @AndyRowell

Maldonado was one of the early member-apostles of the C. Peter Wagner-led "International Coalition of Apostles", the late 90s-launched (yearly dues-paying) vehicle for what Wagner declared to be a "New Apostolic Reformation" greater than the original Protestant Reformation.

1 1:20 AM - Dec 30, 2019

[See Our collective goal should be to prevent Venus 2.0's other Tweets](#)

See also this thread on NAR:

 **Gerardo Marti**
@praxishabitus

Touchpoints re New Apostolic Movement would be appreciated, especially as so many barely grasp even basics of Pentecostalism — Assume they are well-networked amongst themselves — Not quite Word of Faith or Prosperity? — More Dominionist / Reconstructionist ? — Asking for friend... twitter.com/brucewilson/st...

Our collective goal should be to prevent Venus 2.0 @brucewilson
Replying to @AndyRowell and 3 others

I have stopped doing this sort of thing, but I'm glad you're collecting these.

One thing I've noticed - there tend to be at least a few identifiable New Apostolic Reformation leaders in each.

Another thing - few people know the NAR even exists.


8 5:29 PM - Dec 11, 2019

[See Gerardo Marti's other Tweets](#)



Also, the expert on New Apostlic Reformation (NAR) is Holly Pivec.

Tweets:

 **Spirit of Error**
@SpiritOfError

Thankfully, this Assemblies of God church took a stand against the dangerous teachings of Bill Johnson and the New Apostolic Reformation. spiritoferror.org/2019/09/update...

Santa Cruz, California, passed a vote of "no confidence" in their lead
spiritoferror.org

7 9:34 AM - Sep 30, 2019

[See Spirit of Error's other Tweets](#)

Blog:

Spirit Of Error

A biblical response to the modern prophets & apostles movement

<http://www.spiritoferror.org/>

Books: [amazon.com/s?k=Holly+Pive...](https://www.amazon.com/s?k=Holly+Pive...)

Marco Rubio criticizes headline in Miami Herald.



Marco Rubio
@marcorubio

Look at this headline. The people who write these things look down on those who attend these churches & mock them as simpletons & weirdos.

The targets of this condescension notice. That's why they don't believe what you report & why they support those who fight back against you.



Trump picks Miami megachurch with pastor who speaks in tongues for evangelicals event

David Smiley | DEC 28, 2019, 8:00 AM

An Apostolic megachurch in a Miami suburb led by a pastor known for speaking in tongues and performing what he says are "miracles" will host President Donald Trump next week when the president is expected to issue a full-throated retort to calls from some in the Christian community for his removal from office.

1,969 9:55 AM - Dec 28, 2019

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The Miami Herald reporter David Smiley responds in two tweets:

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 @NewsbySmiley

I've seen a couple people argue this so I want to note that the supernatural is a central tenet of @elreyjesusmiami. Speaking in tongues and miracles aren't side notes.

[twitter.com/MarkPalko1/sta...](https://twitter.com/MarkPalko1/status/1211531774356074497)

Mark Palko @MarkPalko1

Though it gives me a clammy feeling, I have to agree (in a limited way) with Rubio here, and I have to do it publicly because it goes to a couple of important points. Focusing on an unusual religious practice unrelated to the main story has a long and ugly history.
[twitter.com/NewsbySmiley/s...](https://twitter.com/NewsbySmiley/status/1211531774356074497)

18 3:48 PM - Dec 28, 2019

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 **David Smiley**
@NewsbySmiley

Shame on us for pointing out interesting and factual things

[twitter.com/marcorubio/sta...](https://twitter.com/marcorubio/status/1211531774356074497)

Marco Rubio @marcorubio

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1,851 11:03 AM - Dec 28, 2019

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Religion Reporters, consider being in touch with Holly Pivec, who was at #RNA2017, and is the expert on the New Apostolic Reformation (NAR) about Guillermo Maldonado's Miami church, where the Evangelicals for Trump gathering this Friday will be held.

 **Spirit of Error**
@SpiritOfError

Replying to @AndyRowell

Guillermo Maldonado is clearly part of the #NewApostolicReformation (NAR). Check out this statement of belief on his church website, which states the core belief of NAR: that the church must be governed by apostles and prophets:
kingjesus.org/about/belief

What We Believe | King Jesus Ministry

What We Believe

kingjesus.org

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1 4:13 PM - Dec 30, 2019

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Today is Wed, Jan 1. The Evangelicals for Trump event is Fri, Jan 3 at 5 pm. This story is going to get bigger over the next couple days. I'm linking to stories in this thread.



Nancy Ammerman
@ntammerman

What?? twitter.com/RNS/status/121...

Religion News Service @RNS

During a Sunday Spanish language service, Pastor Guillermo Maldonado of King Jesus International Ministry church guaranteed that parishioners who entered the U.S. illegally would not risk deportation by attending a rally for President Trump at the church.
church.religionnews.com/2019/12/30/pas...

5 10:31 AM - Jan 1, 2020

[See Nancy Ammerman's other Tweets](#)



King Jesus International Ministry in Miami is likely violating the law by hosting this campaign rally and the IRS could revoke their 501(c)(3) tax exempt status.

Charities, Churches and Politics | Internal Revenue Service

The IRS reminds churches/charities of the 50-year-old ban on political activity.

<https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/charities-churches-and-politics>



Right Wing Watch
@RightWingWatch

Meet the "apostle" who's hosting Friday's Evangelicals for Trump rally rightwingwatch.org/post/evangelic...

Evangelicals for Trump Host Says God Raised Up Trump as Pa...

The Evangelicals for Trump campaign kickoff begins Friday in Miami at the church of self-described "apostle" Guillermo Maldonado, rightwingwatch.org

49 9:57 AM - Jan 2, 2020

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 @JohnFea1

What to Expect at the "Evangelicals for Trump" Rally Tomorrow or the People are Always Right

thewayofimprovement.com/2020/01/02/wha...



2 10:09 PM - Jan 2, 2020

[See John Fea's other Tweets](#)

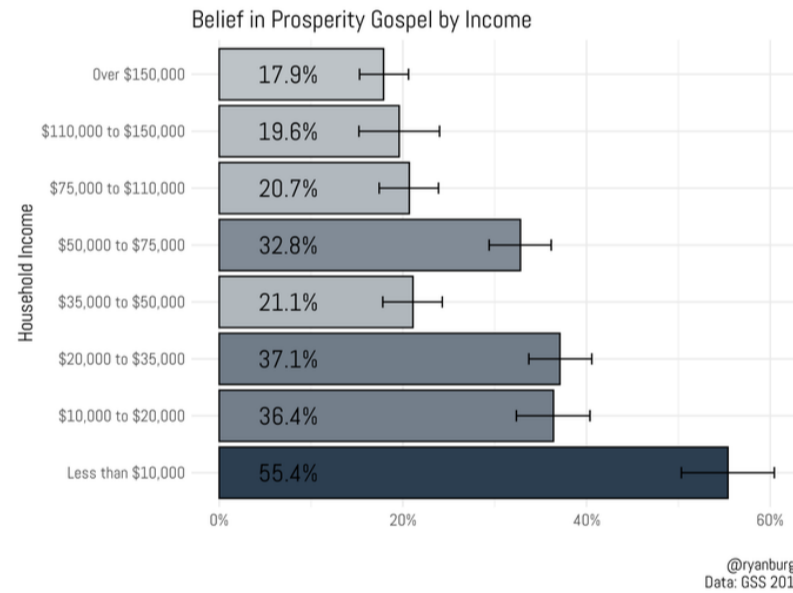


Good article here by Simon Lewis of Reuters

 **Ryan Burge** 
@ryanburge

.@Simondlewis spoke to @PaulDjupe and myself ahead of Trump's rally at a "prosperity gospel" church in Florida tonight.

Here's my contribution: the prosperity gospel is *very* popular among the poorest Americans, but has not taken hold among those with above average incomes. [twitter.com/ssuttell/statu...](https://twitter.com/ssuttell/status...)



Scott Suttell @ssuttell

This @Reuters article cites research from Paul Djupe of @DenisonU, who in 2018 conducted a survey that found about 32% of American

adults agreed or strongly agreed with this statement: "God will reward the faithful with health and wealth." reuters.com/article/us-usa...

15 8:14 AM - Jan 3, 2020

[See Ryan Burge's other Tweets](#)



 **Jack Jenkins**
@jackmjenkins

Reminder: Trump is giving a speech for evangelicals tonight in a church. Strong chance he'll discuss last night's missile strike in religious terms, will likely mention Israel, etc.

In a June Politico/MC poll, evangelicals were among the most supportive of striking back at Iran.

Demographic	support	support	opposi
Registered Voters	14% (270)	23% (450)	17% (3...
Income: Under 50k	15% (166)	21% (230)	16% (1...
Income: 50k-100k	12% (73)	25% (152)	19% (1...
Income: 100k+	11% (30)	24% (68)	19% (...
Ethnicity: White	14% (224)	24% (388)	18% (2...
Ethnicity: Hispanic	18% (35)	15% (29)	17% (...
Ethnicity: Afr. Am.	12% (32)	17% (43)	12% (...
Ethnicity: Other	11% (14)	15% (20)	19% (...
All Christian	17% (156)	26% (246)	20% (1...
All Non-Christian	10% (9)	16% (14)	16% (...
Atheist	11% (10)	16% (7)	16% (...
Agnostic/Nothing in particular	11% (96)	21% (104)	15% (1...
Religious Non-Protestant/Catholic	15% (16)	14% (15)	17% (...
Evangelical	20% (102)	31% (159)	16% (...
Non-Evangelical	12% (96)	23% (183)	19% (1...
Community: Urban	13% (57)	20% (84)	17% (...
Community: Suburban	12% (122)	22% (217)	20% (1...
Community: Rural	16% (91)	26% (149)	16% (...
Employ: Private Sector	13% (73)	25% (140)	18% (1...
Employ: Government	20% (30)	21% (31)	19% (...
Employ: Self-Employed	13% (20)	16% (25)	12% (...
Employ: Homemaker	7% (8)	27% (33)	13% (...
Employ: Student	5% (4)	11% (9)	20% (...
Employ: Retired	15% (79)	26% (143)	18% (...
Employ: Unemployed	13% (24)	15% (28)	18% (...
Employ: Other	16% (31)	21% (42)	15% (...

66 7:18 AM - Jan 3, 2020

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Jonathan Lemire
@JonLemire

NEW: Days after an influential religious magazine called for his removal, Trump's first campaign move in 2020 is to meet with evangelicals - including Latinos - in Miami to try to shore up and expand support from an influential piece of his political base
apnews.com/9f395c43d3782e...

As 2020 dawns, Trump looks to boost evangelical support

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — In his first campaign move of the 2020 election year, President Donald Trump on Friday will visit a
apnews.com

14 10:24 AM - Jan 3, 2020

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Kate Shellnut @ kateshellnut at Christianity Today



Daniel Silliman
@danielsilliman

What you need to know about Guillermo Maldonado, the pastor hosting a Trump campaign kickoff.
christianitytoday.com/news/2020/janu...

Influential Hispanic Pastor Welcomes 'Evangelicals for Trump'

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1 12:14 PM - Jan 3, 2020

[See Daniel Silliman's other Tweets](#)



John Fea has been on this story and will be on MSNBC this afternoon:



John Fea
@JohnFea1

Trump's Choice of Church for His "Evangelicals for Trump" Rally Today thewayofimprovement.com/2020/01/03/tru...



4 10:07 AM - Jan 3, 2020

[See John Fea's other Tweets](#)



Thoughtful evangelicals would not associate with Guillermo Maldonado who is hosting tonight's Trump rally because of his unbiblical: prosperity gospel which steals from the poor, supernatural fakery, self-proclaimed "apostle" authoritarian leadership; and sketchy doctorate.

Red Letter Christians:



Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove
@wilsonhartgrove

Christian nationalists are rallying behind Trump as [#EvangelicalsForTrump](#). As 3,500 US troops deploy to the Middle East, I'm standing w/ fellow evangelicals for truth, justice & Christ's peace against war w/ Iran. redletterchristians.org/red-letter-chr...

Trump's first public response to this historic act of aggression is likely to come at his "Evangelicals for Trump" coalition launch at a church in Miami, Florida today. We must not lend support to compromised evangelicals through our silence. We must not give religious cover and theological legitimacy to violence and war. History will remember this unholy collusion between white evangelicals and Trump. We must speak up.

330 1:11 PM - Jan 3, 2020

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John Fea and Jack Jenkins above have pointed out that some fundamentalists (some "evangelicals") believe the Bible predicts a war with Iran. But the Christian consensus across Christian traditions is that war is to opposed in almost cases.



Andy Rowell
@AndyRowell

A reminder that there is a consensus among Christian theologians that:
(a) at a minimum, Christians should only support a war if it meets

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(p) that Christians must be wary because just war criteria have often been fudged to rationalize unjust wars.

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Andy Rowell @AndyRowell

"Pacifist Christians should encourage nonpacifist Christians who hold to a just war theory to take it seriously" Yoder
books.google.com/books?id=1r3v2...

29 12:02 PM - Jan 3, 2020

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AP reporter:



Jonathan Lemire
@JonLemire

Next stop: Miami



20 2:45 PM - Jan 3, 2020

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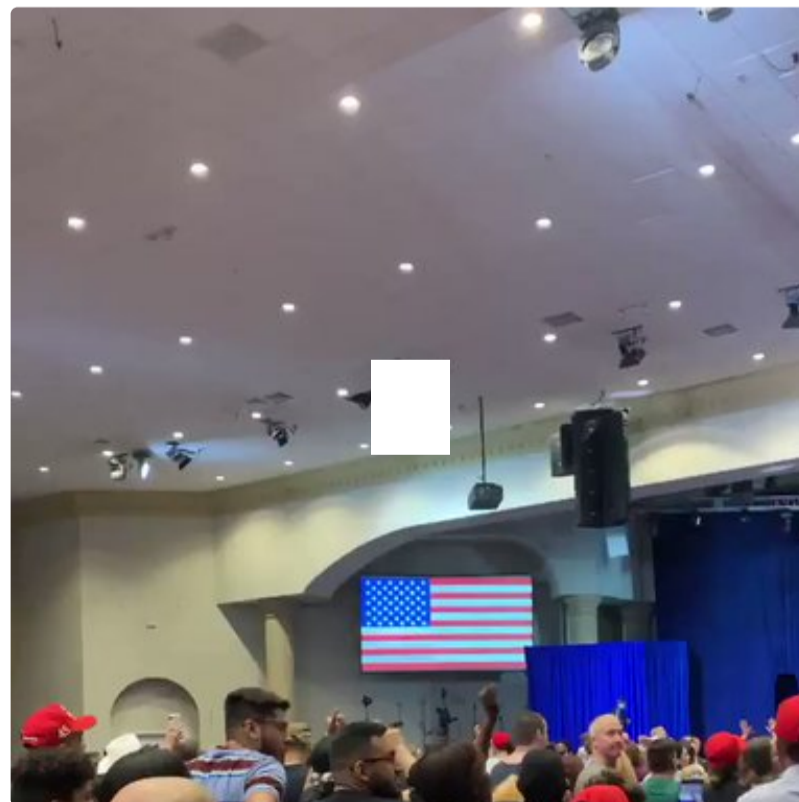


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Jimena Tavel
@taveljimena

Miami's Ministerio Internacional El Rey Jesus is pretty packed already. Trump is scheduled to start his rally in about an hour. The evangelical megachurch choir is singing; people are dancing.



108 2:58 PM - Jan 3, 2020

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In 42 minutes, at 5 pm Eastern Time, watch the Evangelicals for Trump rally online at C-SPAN:

President Trump Speaks at Evangelical Rally in Miami
 President Trump holds a campaign rally for evangelicals in Miami.

<https://www.c-span.org/video/?467813-1/president-trump-speaks-evangelical-rally-miami>

NPR correspondent:

 **Tom Gjelten**
@tgjelt

Evangelicals fired up for Trump in Miami



9 2:57 PM - Jan 3, 2020

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Tampa Bay Times:

"How, then, can King Jesus International Ministry in Kendall host Trump's campaign? The answer, most likely, is it can't, legal experts agreed."

 **Steve Contorno**
@scontorno

Trump thinks he eliminated a ban on religious institutions engaging in politics (he didn't). So the IRS could revoke the tax exempt status of the Florida church hosting his rally tonight.

But it's unlikely to happen. Here's why. tampabay.com/florida-politi...tampabay.com/florida-politi...

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Donald Trump is campaigning at a Florida church today. Is tha...

Federal law says probably not, but it's unlikely the IRS will enforce it, experts said.

tampabay.com

42 9:39 AM - Jan 3, 2020

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Jonathan Lemire

@JonLemire

President Trump steps off Marine One after landing in Miami



16 3:25 PM - Jan 3, 2020

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Guillermo Maldonado is not the first or last person to be asked to do something illegal by Trump and then to gaslight about it. Tickets were from the Trump campaign and Maldonado told his congregation on Sunday to come as a favor to him, the "Apostle."

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Jimena Tavel

@taveljimena

Replying to @taveljimena

Maldonado said his church is not taking a position in any political campaign today. Says the event's purpose is to launch the Evangelicals for Trump initiative.

He leads the crowd in prayer. Then finishes with his first words in Spanish: "Dios te bendiga" or "God bless you."

21 3:24 PM - Jan 3, 2020 · Country Walk, FL

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4:56 pm Eastern Time

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 @JohnFea1

The #EvangelicalsForTrump event has begun. Paula White, Jack Graham, Michael Tait(DC Talk), Jenetzen Franklin, and Franklin Graham's daughter Cissie are now praying for Trump.

8 3:53 PM - Jan 3, 2020

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Watch at:

President Trump Speaks at Evangelical Rally in Miami

President Trump holds a campaign rally for evangelicals in Miami.

<https://www.c-span.org/video/?467813-1/president-trump-speaks-evangelical-rally-miami>

Guillermo Maldonado just prayed. Now Paula White-Cain is praying. [🔗](#)

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 **Aaron Rugar**
@atrupar

Yikes. Major cult energy at Trump's evangelical event in Miami.



22.6K 3:55 PM - Jan 3, 2020

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Trump thanks by name: James and Shirley Dobson, Robert Jeffress, Cissie Graham, Michael Tait, Jentezen Franklin, Alveda King, Jack Graham, Alberto Delgado, and "Apostle" Guillermo Maldonado. These are all loyal Trump supporters. No new names here.

Timeline of instances of "evangelical leaders" meeting with Trump

I have tried to trace the photos of different gatherings with Trump in chronological order. Click the link to see the photos. In summary, there are about 49 "evangelical leaders" who have gathered wi...

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Here are at least six reporters following the Trump rally so you can click on this feed and see their tweets:

twitter.com/AndyRowell/lis...

President Trump finished speaking at 6:13 pm Eastern Time. He started at 4:55 pm Eastern Time.

C-SPAN video is at:

President Trump Speaks at Evangelical Rally in Miami
 President Trump holds a campaign rally for evangelicals in Miami.

<https://www.c-span.org/video/?467813-1/president-trump-speaks-evangelical-rally-miami>



Maggie Haberman
@maggieNYT

As reporters left the church and passed by them, attendees of the event booed.

4,178 5:16 PM - Jan 3, 2020

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From my perspective, this was the same old stuff President Trump says at every rally. It was kind of tailored to socially conservative Republicans. He had trouble pronouncing "evangelist" and other Christian terminology. Zero new evangelical leaders there. As usual, many lies.

Jack Jenkins of RNS has the most detailed thread:

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Jack Jenkins
@jackmjenkins

Replying to @jackmjenkins

She has now pivoted hard into a sermonette about standing up for what you believe in.

Closes by thanking Billy Graham, saying she learned about "loving one another" from the late evangelist.

6 5:08 PM - Jan 3, 2020

[See Jack Jenkins's other Tweets](#)

Aaron Rugar of Vox has video clip thread:



Aaron Rugar
@atrupar

Replying to @atrupar

I need to tap out before Trump wraps up, but the foregoing clips should give you the flavor. Speaking to an evangelical group in Miami, POTUS delivered a speech that would've been profoundly bizarre in any other era, but was more or less a normal political rally for him.

2,083 5:04 PM - Jan 3, 2020

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Jimena Tavel of the Miami Herald did thread while there:

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 **Jimena Tavel**
@taveljimena

Miami's Ministerio Internacional El Rey Jesus is pretty packed already. Trump is scheduled to start his rally in about an hour. The evangelical megachurch choir is singing; people are dancing.

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@kathrynw5

"I lost all my friends, I have no more friends," Trump says, because they used to be informal and now they treat him formally

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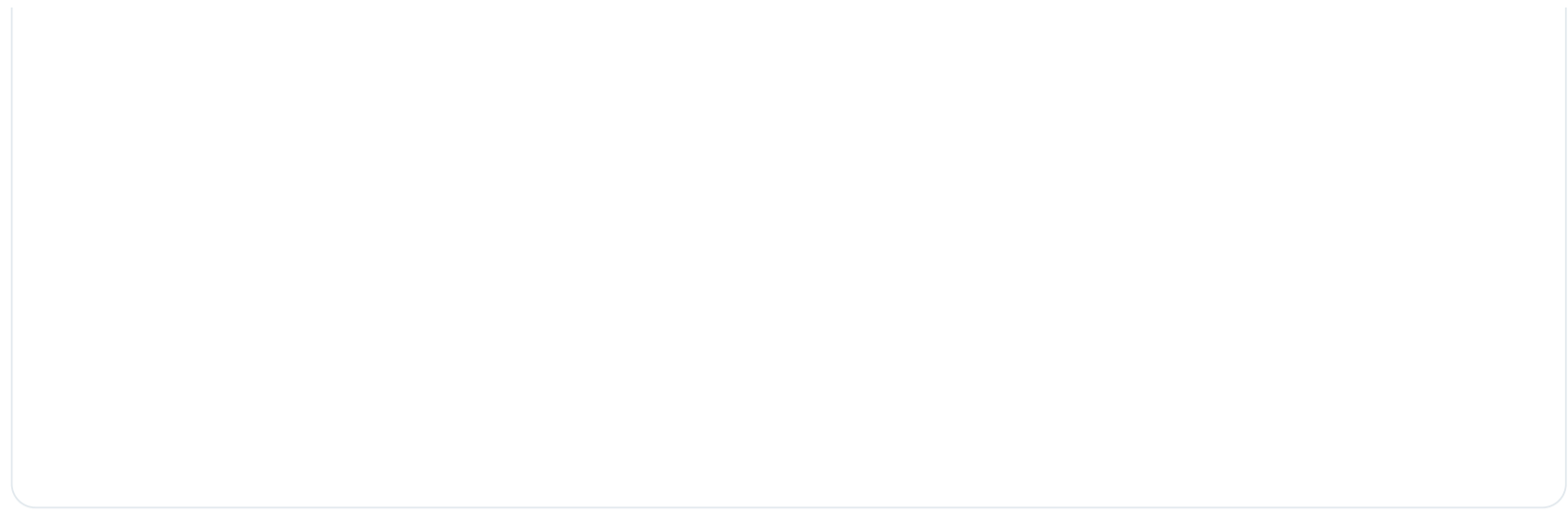
Guillermo Maldonado, Alberto Delgado, Cissie Graham Lynch, Paula White-Cain, Jentezen Franklin, Donald Trump, Jack Graham, Michael Tait, Alveda King.

Jan 3, 2020. Evangelicals for Trump rally.

President Trump Speaks at Evangelical Rally in Miami

President Trump holds a campaign rally for evangelicals in Miami.

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NEW: Trump rallies evangelical supporters: "We have God on our side" hill.cm/jBWvwqp



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Wait till they hear about all the philandering..... oh, they already know. Oh..... [twitter.com/jeffmason1/sta...](https://twitter.com/jeffmason1/status/1211531774356074497)

Jeff Mason @jeffmason1
Evangelicals event for @realDonaldTrump in Miami.



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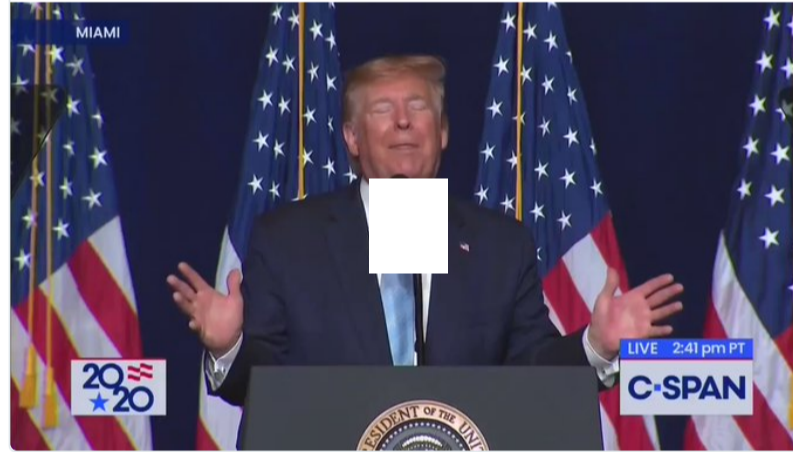
Jesus said, "Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

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New York Times report:



Patricia Mazzei

@PatriciaMazzei

President Trump rallied his evangelical Christian base of supporters on Friday, portraying himself as the restorer of faith in the public square and claiming that God is "on our side." Via [@jennymedina @maggieNYT nytimes.com/2020/01/03/us/...](#)

In Miami Speech, Trump Tells Evangelical Base: God Is 'on Ou...

President Trump, who has been gripped by anxiety about evangelical voters abandoning him, took wide swipes at Democratic rivals one nytimes.com

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Trump, at a church, says his re-election will be a "monumental victory for faith and family, God and country, flag and freedom." That is a new or almost-new line.

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Alejandra Molina for RNS gets analysis from AmichelSW and ElProfeBarba:



Alejandra Molina
@alemolina

In this @RNS story I explore what it means that Trump visited El Rey Jesús Global, a megachurch in Miami led by a Latino pastor religionnews.com/2020/01/03/tru...

	<p>Trump launches 'Evangelicals for Trump' by ... (RNS) — El Rey Jesús Global, or King Jesus International Ministry, is led by Guillermo Maldonado, who is a member of the 'Evangelicals religionnews.com</p>
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Marc Caputo of Politico was surprised to see reporters being booed. But

- (a) this was a Trump rally,
- (b) Maldonado has been an unflinching public Trump supporter,
- (c) cultivates an authoritarian aura as an "Apostle," and
- (d) that will have an effect.



Marc Caputo
@MarcACaputo

Replying to @maggieNYT

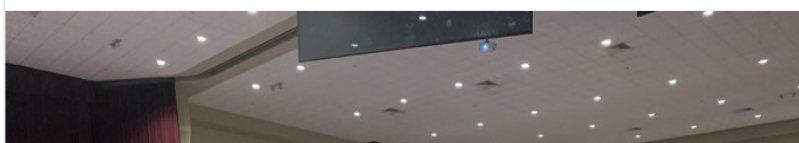
I've been in El Rey Jesus at least three times with other reporters. We've never been booed.

Notably, a number of people at the church for this event were neither congregants nor believers in Christtwitter.com/taveljimena/st... twitter.com/taveljimena/st...

Jimena Tavel @taveljimena
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People are now swaying from side to side as they wait for the president. They're playing "Way Maker," a religious song. Some have their eyes closed.

Some of the people I've spoken to are members of the congregation but not all. Some told me they aren't even religious.



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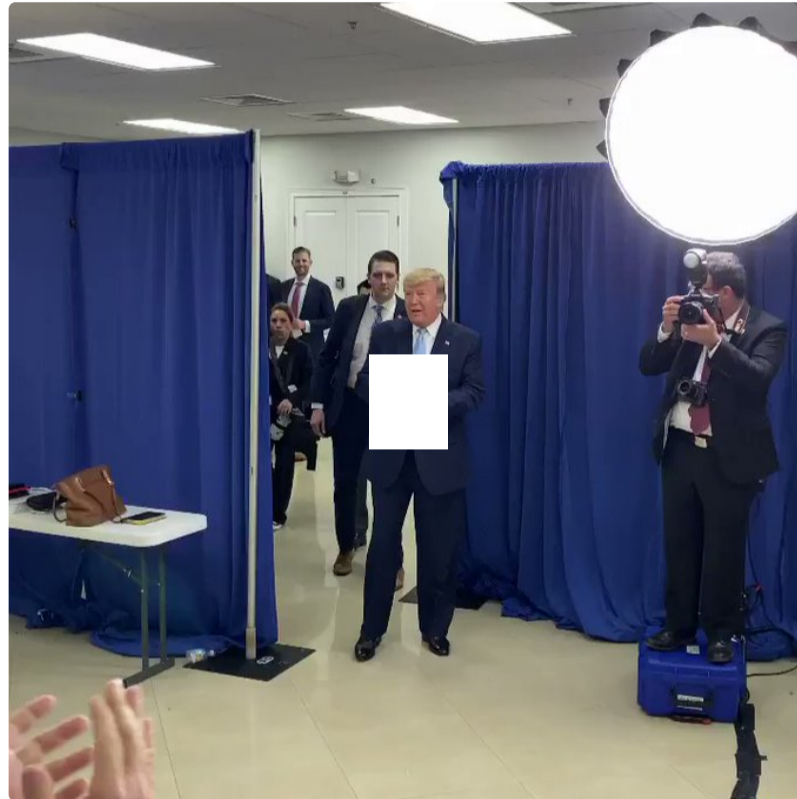


Other attendees besides those in photo praying for Trump: James and Shirley Dobson, Robert Jeffress, Greg Laurie, Eric Metaxas, Ralph Reed, Tony Perkins, Charlie Kirk, Malachi O'Brien.

Greg Laurie
@reglaurie

Behind the scenes in Miami as the President came immediately to say "hello" to his Evangelical friends.

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"We have a President who doesn't hesitate to flip us on it"

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Watch my full interview from "@LouDobbs Tonight" discussing the "Evangelicals for Trump" coalition event in Miami, Florida here: youtube.com/watch?v=Hh3vsV...

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John Fea wrap-up:

John Fea
@JohnFea1

I usually get angry about evangelicals worshipping at the feet of Trump. But last night I just felt sad.

thewayofimprovement.com/2020/01/03/tho...

#evangelicalsfortrump #courtevangalicals #amrel

	<p>Thoughts on the "Evangelicals for Trump" R...</p> <p>Earlier this evening Donald Trump launched his "Evangelicals for Trump" campaign with a speech at a Miami megachurch. The King Jesus thewayofimprovement.com</p>
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evangelicals leaders respond to the CT editorial. But Franklin's daughter Cissie had big role and CT quoted Rodriguez. Are they feeling the heat?

 **Andy Rowell**
@AndyRowell

These are the same twenty "evangelicals leaders" who have visited the White House and praised Trump in the past, who I have listed at: andyrowell.net/andy_rowell/20...
But no Franklin Graham, Johnnie Moore, or Sam Rodriguez. Zero new big names. Almost all are independent self-promoters. twitter.com/JohnFea1/statu...

Timeline of instances of "evangelical leaders" meeting with Tr...

I have tried to trace the photos of different gatherings with Trump in chronological order. Click the link to see the photos. In summary, andyrowell.net

John Fea @JohnFea1

Names of signers here. The usual suspects. thewayofimprovement.com/2019/12/22/nea... #courtevangicals #Christianitytoday

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Apparently Jack Graham spoke after Trump left.

 **Malachi O'Brien**
@malachiobrien

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takeaways- [@EvangForTrump](#) event

1. Large [#Hispanic](#) & [#AA](#) audience.
2. Much prayer over [#45](#)
3. [@realDonaldTrump](#) values people of faith & loves [#America](#) . There are good things he does most never hear
4. [@jackngraham](#) brought Gospel passion at the end



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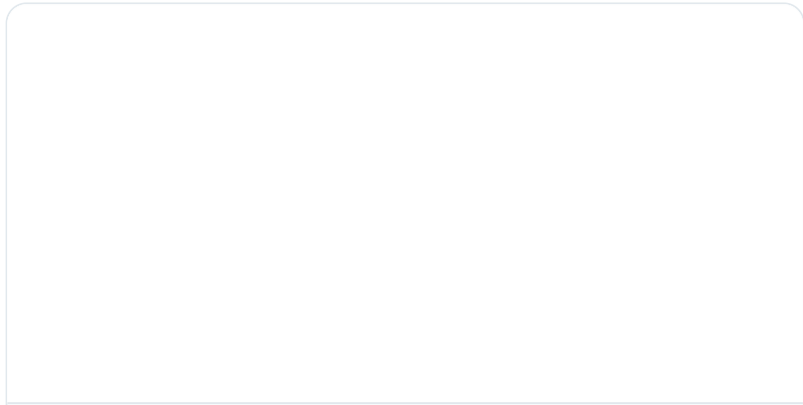
He once explained that he and others are speaking love to power.

 **Andy Rowell**

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August 2018: Jack Graham: "what ensued was 35 to 40 minutes of pastors expressing their appreciation for what the Trump administration has been able to do ... Graham said the leaders in the room felt called to speak 'love to power.'" christianpost.com/news/white-hou...



White House Hosts 100 Evangelical Leaders for State-Like Din...

About 100 evangelical leaders were invited to dinner at the White House Monday night for what was a prayer-filled event that's been christianpost.com

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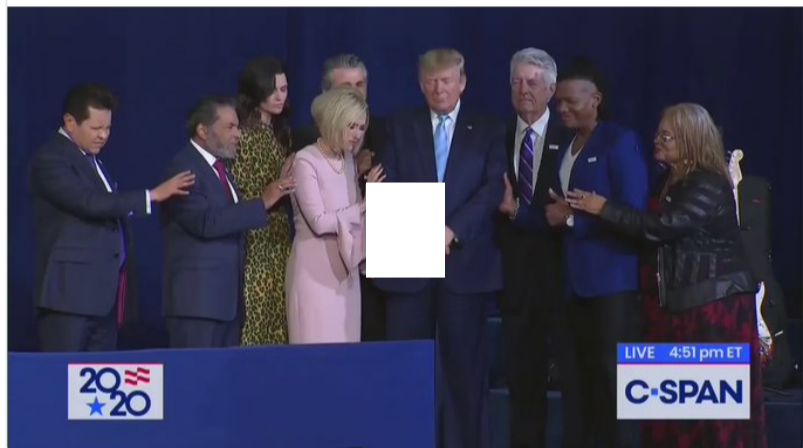
RT Cissie Graham Lynch

 **toddstarnes**
@toddstarnes

Sir, the laying on of hands is a common practice in Christian churches. I truly hope your slur was made out of ignorance and not willful anti-Christian bigotry. twitter.com/atrupar/status...

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RT Jim Garlow:

 **Mike Cernovich**
@Cernovich

Replying to @atrupar

Referring to laying on of hands as "cult enegy" would be equivalent to mocking a Jewish person's "funny hat." Your comments afr utterly ignorant and degrading and if you can't figure out why evangelicals don't trust the media, don't wonder any longer.



The **laying on of hands** is a religious practice. In **Judaism** *semikhah* (Hebrew: סמיכה, "leaning [of the hands]") accompanies the conferring of a blessing or authority.

In **Christian churches**, this practice is used as both a symbolic and formal method of invoking the **Holy Spirit** primarily during **baptisms** and **confirmations**, **healing services**, **blessings**, and **ordination of priests, ministers, elders, deacons**, and other church officers, along with

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But laying on of hands is for chosen godly leaders (Joshua in Num 27:23; the Seven in Act 6:6; Timothy in 1 Tim 4:14, 5:22, 2 Tim 1:6) or receiving the Spirit (Act 8:17) or healing (Luk 4:40)?

"Do not be hasty in the laying on of hands, and do not share in the sins of others. Keep yourself pure."
- 1 Timothy 5:22 NIV

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Jack Jenkins
@jackmjenkins

I believe this is the first time I've seen the biblical Cyrus comparison invoked with Trump physically present.

twitter.com/ProphetWalrus/...

Prophet Walrus @ProphetWalrus

"We ask you, Father, that he can be the Cyrus, to bring reformation, to bring change into this nation. And all the nations of the earth will say 'America is the greatest nation of the Earth.'"



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At first, you agree to pray for someone at the White House, then you attend a campaign rally for them, then you end up in a room hooting and cheering when he tells you he just had someone assassinated the previous night

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If someone wants to help name all those in the photo from the Evangelicals for Trump rally, see John Fea's list in his post and my list from November of the "evangelical leaders" who have visited the White House.

Timeline of instances of "evangelical leaders" meeting with Trump

I have tried to trace the photos of different gatherings with Trump in chronological order. Click the link to see the photos. In summary, there are about 49 "evangelical leaders" who have gathered wi...

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3/ To point, the shows will remain NETFLIX ORIGINALS for years, Disney would have to buy them back (and says they don't fit with Disney+'s positioning and

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Andy Rowell @AndyRowell
Dec 19th 2019

Thread with reactions to this below.

I have put "evangelical" in parenthesis because people increasingly do not use the term because it is so associated with politics. They would have used the term in the past to express their high regard for the Bible and conviction that Jesus is "good news" (Greek: euangelion).

English professor at "evangelical" university Oklahoma Baptist and writer:

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Andy Rowell @AndyRowell
Nov 1st 2019

Context: 1. Yes, it is good pray for leaders but consider what to pray. 2. The kindest explanation for Franklin Graham's support of Trump is "conservative judges." 3. Graham was critical of Trump for betraying the Kurds. That action was typical of Trump: ignorant, corrupt, cruel.

4. Graham has liked Trump since 2011 when both were "birthers" (after Graham liked Sarah Palin in 2008). 5. They have in common receiving money from their fathers and employing their kids.

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Andy Rowell @AndyRowell
Oct 30th 2019

Here is the list of "faith leaders" who met with Trump at the White House yesterday. The list publicpool.kinja.com/subject-in-tow... is similar to August 2018 group andyrowell.net/andy_rowell/20... and those who promoted Paula White-Cain's new book this month. andyrowell.net/andy_rowell/20... Photo below:



Jerry Falwell Jr. was the most notable one absent. Franklin Graham was also absent but his daughter, Jane Cissie Graham Lynch, who has attended with him in the past, was

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Dec 30th 2019

The pastor of a Miami megachurch that will host Donald Trump at a rally this week is guaranteeing that parishioners who entered the US illegally won't be at risk of deportation if they attend.

During a Sunday Spanish language service, the Pastor Guillermo Maldonado told the audience of hundreds that he's heard people asking how he could bring Trump to the church if those attending include people who lack immigration papers, given the president's headline


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Dec 29th 2019

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Dec 22nd 2019

Evangelical Leaders Close Ranks With Trump After Scathing Editorial by the chief editor of Christianity Today,, news.yahoo.com/evangelical-le... via @Yahoo

"The publication is small, reaching just a fraction of the evangelical movement. But when Christianity Today called for Pres Trump's removal in a blistering editorial Thursday, it met the full force + fury of [Trump] +his most prominent allies in the Christian conservative world"

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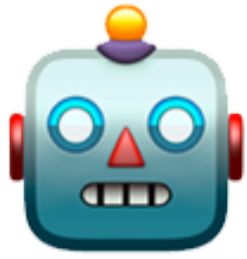
Jan 3rd 2018

Trump Hotels' website still lists Trump SoHo New York among its properties in the Our Hotels menu. Select its name though to access its page and there's a message about it being renamed bit.ly/2EPCSy1

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